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MONUMENT

Sutter's Sawmill (Meyer Hotel)

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H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO.

CAL-1301

(Now being reconstructed by the
State Div. of Beaches and Parks)PUBLISHED
PHOTOGRAPHS

History: Mill constructed on So. Fork of
American River 1847, under partnership of
James W. Marshall and John A. Sutter. Sutter
to furnish supplies and labor, Marshall to
build and operate. Marshall discovered gold
in tailrace 200 ft. N.W. of mill Jan. 24, 1848.
Mill purchased by Marshall, Bailey & Winters
in Dec. 1848, and torn down 1853.

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DRAWINGS

Monument in river of native riverstones

built 1924 by Soc. of Calif. Pioneers after excavations by Philip Bekeart uncovered original foundations. Verified by excavations in 1947 by State Park Dept., NPS, and University of California.

Description: Sawmill of hand hewn timbers was good example of mid-19th Century New England type. The saw operated from power of under shot water wheel near center of mill. Saw was old-fashioned straight type, cutting vertically.

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